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| For:                         | METHODS AND COMPOSITION      | ) |                         |
|                              | FOR ORAL VACCINATIONS        | ) |                         |

## **AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official action mailed September 10, 2004, please amend the above-referenced patent application using the below instructions.

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In accord with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the amendment to the claims and a complete listing of all pending claims in the application begin on a separate sheet to facilitate separate indexing and electronic scanning of each part of the amendment document for placement in an e-file wrapper. As required, only the claim number and status indicate the canceled claims. For the convenience of the Office staff, the amendment is placed in the below Appendix and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

The present amendment is presented to the Examiner to respond directly to the Office action of September 10, 2004 in a good faith attempt to place the application in condition for an allowance. No new matter is introduced into the application by this amendment. To expedite matters towards the allowance, the nonelected, withdrawn Claims 11-26 have been canceled from the pending claims. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected claims in due course.